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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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5. (Currently Amended) A nickel-free grey alloy to be used in lost-wax casting techniques comprising, expressed by weight Au between 75% and 76%, Pd between 12.5% and 13.5%, Cu up to a maximum of 10%, In between 1% and 2%, and Ga between 0.1-0.5%, the balance being formed by at least one of the elements Ir, Re, Zn, Nb, Si Ta and Ti between 0.002 and 0.02%.

6. (Currently Amended) The alloy according to claim 5 wherein said alloy comprises, expressed by weight, Pd 13%, Cu 10%, In 1.5%, Ga 0.35%, the balance being formed by Ir, Re, Ti in a proportion of 0.018%.